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SKETCHES

OF

THE ACTS

AND

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

General Assembly of Virginia.

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PUBLIC ACTS.

Taxes.

1. An act imposing taxes for the support of government.

This act has been printed under the direction of the auditor, and sent to the commissioners of the revenue.

Appropriations.

2. An act making appropriations for deficiency in former appropriations, and for defraying expenses of the general assembly and convention now in session.

Appropriates to expenses of the general assembly, \$125,000, and several minor appropriations to the pages and servants about the capitol.

For expenses of convention, \$75,000. Payment of interest on the public debt, \$156,897. Amount of interest due Literary fund, \$1,000. Comparing polls, \$350. Salaries of judges, &c. \$1,000. Slaves sentenced, \$10,000. Convicts and transports, \$3,000. Brigade inspectors, adjutants, &c. \$30,000. Adjutant general, to pay salary, \$500. Expenses of visitors to military institute, \$2,200. Publication of defaulting officers, \$200. Virginia military institute, \$5,790. Public guard and guard at penitentiary, \$5,000. Collecting and distributing arms, \$1,500. For taking lists of taxable property, \$5,000. Western lunatic asylum, \$500. Eastern lunatic asylum, \$31,250. Lunatics confined in county jails, \$1,500. Civil suits, \$1,000. Repairs of governor's house, \$3,700. Repairs of capitol, \$4,500. For publication of Grattan's Reports, \$3,618. Fifth volume of Leigh's Reports, \$1,250. Mayo's Guide, \$11,250. Books for public

officers, \$16,000. Second edition of the Code, \$20,000. Secretary of the commonwealth, for preparing Code, \$2,000. Statue of Nelson, \$4,500. Erecting the same, &c. \$23,400. Galt's statue of Jefferson, \$4,000. Birthplace of Washington, \$4,860 79. Medical college, \$15,000. College of electors, \$1,225. Commissions of sheriffs, \$1,500. Listing free negroes, \$120. Outstanding claims growing out of the John Brown raid, \$906 61. Records and claims, \$5,000. Joint committee accompanying remains of George W. Hopkins deceased, \$139 90. Apartments for convention, &c. \$2,500. To A. W. McDonald, commissioner to England, \$275. Temporary clerks in the auditor's office, \$1,200. For completing a portion of the Northwestern lunatic asylum, \$25,000, to be used upon the order of the governor.

These appropriations are out of the public revenue arising prior to the 1st of October 1861. Revenue received after that date, and unexpended balance before that time, to constitute a general fund for the purposes of government.

Auditor not to pay any judgment or decree, if the amount exceed \$300. The payments to the military institute, lunatic asylums, and to the institution for the deaf, dumb and the blind, shall be made (if so required), one-fourth in advance on the 1st day of April, one-half on the 1st of January, and the balance on the 1st of April.

Convention.

3. An act to provide for electing members of a convention, and to convene the same.

No sketch of this act is deemed necessary, as the people have already acted under it, and the convention convened.

Defences of the state.

4. An act to create an ordnance department.

Authorizes the governor, by and with the advice of the senate, to appoint a colonel of ordnance and not more than six subalterns, with such rank as the governor may, with the consent of the senate, prescribe.

The duties of the ordnance department shall be the same as those performed by the ordnance, quartermaster and subsistence departments of the United States army, and the pay the same as officers of similar rank in the United States army on the 1st day of January 1850.

Officers of ordnance department to discharge duties of commissioners of the armory.

5. An act appropriating \$1,000,000 for the defence of the commonwealth.

Directs the colonel of ordnance, under the direction of the governor, to procure arms, equipments and munitions of war. Authorizes him, under the direction of the governor, to contract in this state for equipments and munitions, and may contract in this state for altering and improving arms, or to purchase machinery for that purpose. Eight hundred thousand dollars is appropriated for that purpose. Arms to be equally distributed throughout the state.

The governor is authorized to employ a competent engineer for planning coast, harbor and river defences. Said engineer to submit his plans to the governor. Three arsenals are also directed to be constructed—one on the Baltimore and Ohio or Northwestern rail road; one upon the Great Kanawha river, and one at or near the town of Winchester. \$50,000 is appropriated for that purpose.

The governor is directed to acquire proper sites for defensive works, &c. \$200,000 is appropriated for such defensive works and arsenals.

6. An act for the issue of treasury notes.

Authorizes the issue of \$1,000,000 of treasury notes to provide means for state defences, in sums not less than \$20, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum. The faith of the commonwealth is pledged for payment of principal and interest. Notes to be transferable by endorsement of lender, and shall be received in payment of taxes and public dues. When received on behalf of the state, the

officer receiving them shall endorse the date of the payment, and the person paying the same shall sign his name as a receipt; and in the settlement of the officer with the auditor, interest shall be allowed only to such date. When so endorsed, the note shall not be transferable. Auditor is directed to redeem such notes one year after their dates at the treasury, if not brought in for payment of public dues. When \$100,000 of said notes are brought, the auditor is directed to cancel them; and from time to time a similar amount of the notes so canceled may be issued by order of the governor, within two years from the passage of this act.

Auditor and treasurer to keep a full list of the number, date and denomination of notes issued and canceled.

\$2,000 appropriated for lithographing, &c.

Banks authorized to discount or purchase said notes.

Provisions of the Code relative to bank notes, to apply to treasury notes.

Militia.

7. An act amending certain laws respecting the militia of the commonwealth, so as to render them more efficient.

It is impossible to give any accurate idea of the above act by a sketch; and the act being published for the use of those most interested, none will be attempted. To give a fair understanding, the act itself would have to be published; which would contravene the object of the general assembly in directing this publication.

8. An act to authorize the county courts and any incorporated city or town to arm the militia of their respective counties, cities and towns, and to provide means therefor.

Authorizes the county courts, &c. to arm any portion of the militia they may deem proper.

County courts power to appoint agents to negotiate loans, and therefor to issue bonds and to levy such sums upon the lands and all other subjects of taxation as may be necessary to pay interest and principal. But no levy shall be made for more than one-third of the debt at any one time.

Legalizes the action of county courts taken prior to the passage of the act, all the justices being summoned, and a majority concurring. County prohibited from acting, unless the justices be summoned and a majority concur.

Act applies to any incorporated city or town acting through its municipal authorities.

County courts to make regulations concerning the preservation of the arms.

Payment of commissioners.

9. An act providing for the payment of the commissioners of Virginia to the peace conference at Washington and to the southern states.

Allows \$10 per day to each commissioner, and \$6 additional to Hon. John Tyler as president of the peace conference.

Public guard.

10. An act authorizing the superintendent of the armory to provide quarters for a portion of the public guard.

Authorizes the superintendent to rent quarters, so as to vacate the armory in order to its repair.

Appropriates a sum not exceeding \$2,500.

11. An act to increase the pay of certain officers of the public guard.

Allows captain \$60, first lieutenant \$50, second lieutenant \$45, first sergeant \$20, each corporal and musician \$13, and each private \$11 per month. Each private, non-commissioned officer and musician, one ration each; commissioned officers, four rations per day. The captain not to receive the increase while acting as superintendent of the armory.

Circuit courts.

12. An act changing the time of holding the circuit court in the town of Danville.

Fixes the time on the 25th of March and 25th of August.

13. An act changing the time of holding the circuit courts of the counties of Hardy and Page.

Fixes the time for Page on the 8th of April and 8th of September, and for Hardy on the 18th of April and 18th of September.

14. An act changing the time of holding the courts in the fifteenth judicial circuit.

Changes and transposes the terms for Giles and Mercer. Giles to be on the 27th of May and October, and Mercer to be on the 20th of May and October.

Act to take effect after 1st of August.

Orders of publication.

15. An act authorizing the clerks of the supreme court of appeals and the district courts of appeals to take orders of publication in vacation.

Title explains the law; gives the same authority to clerks of appellate courts as clerks of circuit courts possessed in reference to orders of publication.

Changes in Code.

16. An act amending and re-enacting the 1st section of chapter 198 of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1860.

Makes the game of keno a prohibited game, and subjects the exhibitor to the same penalties as the exhibitor of a faro bank is subjected to.

17. An act to amend the 23d section of the 61st chapter of the Code, entitled "of acts of internal improvement."

Authorizes the collector of the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal company, the Dismal swamp canal company, the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Alexandria canal companies to examine upon oath any person having charge of any vessel passing along said canals, for the purpose of ascertaining what is subject to toll.

This act is local in its character, though an amendment of the Code.

18. An act to amend the 15th section of chapter 109 of the Code of Virginia, second edition.

Provides that any decree for divorce may be revoked by the court who granted it, upon the application of both parties, and upon their producing satisfactory evidence of their reconciliation.

Provides that the court may decree a divorce a vinculo matrimonii after 5 years have elapsed from the rendition of a decree a mensa et thoro, upon certain conditions.

19. An act to amend the 1st section of chapter 149 of the Code of Virginia, relative to the limitation of suits, so as to limit the right to make entry or bring an action to recover lands west of the Alleghany mountains, without changing the law east of the Alleghany mountains.

Limits the right of action or entry west of the Alleghany mountains within ten years.

Act not to affect pending actions, or prevent the making of any entry or bringing any action within two years from its passage.

Act to be published for 60 days in two newspapers published in the city of Richmond.

20. An act to amend chapter 108 of the Code, concerning births, marriages and deaths.

Prescribes duties of the clerks in issuing marriage licenses; also of ministers celebrating marriages.

Directs every clerk to transmit to the auditor of public accounts a copy of his register of marriages on or before the 1st day of March of every year.

Directs the clerks to furnish the auditor a copy of his register of births and deaths.

If the commissioner of the revenue fail to make his return, the clerk shall certify that fact to the auditor.

This act will doubtless be furnished by the auditor to the clerks of courts.

21. An act changing the names of the lunatic asylums.

Amends the Code, edition of 1860, 2d section, chapter 85. Names given by this act: "Eastern lunatic asylum," "Central lunatic asylum," and "Northwestern lunatic asylum."

22. An act to increase the pay of the commonwealth's attorney of Ohio county.

Amends chapter 165, section 7, of Code of Virginia, so as to increase the compensation of the attorney for the commonwealth of Ohio county to \$750 per annum.

County of Bland.

23. An act to establish the county of Bland out of parts of Giles, Wythe and Tazewell.

Forms a new county within certain boundaries, to be called Bland, out of parts of Giles, Wythe and Tazewell.

Commissioners to meet on 2d Monday in April, or in ten days thereafter, to select place for public buildings.

Commissioners appointed to lay off the county into magisterial districts, select election precincts, &c.

Sheriff and other officers to be elected on the 4th Thursday in May.

Justices elected at their first court to elect a presiding justice.

Office of commissioner of the revenue to commence on the 1st day of February 1862. Commissioners in Giles, Wythe and Tazewell to perform duties until that time, and to keep separate lists.

School fund to be apportioned by second auditor.

Sheriffs of counties from which Bland is formed, to collect public dues owing at the time of the passage of the act. Said counties to retain jurisdiction of suits, &c. until removed.

Bland attached to 16th judicial circuit.

Circuit courts 3d Monday after 4th Monday in April and September.

1st circuit court 3d Monday after 4th Monday in September next.

Militia to constitute a separate regiment, attached to 25th brigade.

Vote in elections as if said county had not been formed.

County courts to be held on Thursday after the 2d Monday in each month.

Quarterly courts, February, May, July and October.

Surveyor of Bland and Wythe to mark lines of the county.

Citizens of Bland to be responsible for levies heretofore made for roads, &c. by the courts of the counties out of which Bland is created.

First county court to be held on Thursday after 2d Monday in August next.

Webster county.

24. An act amending the 1st section of the act forming the county of Webster.

Prescribes the boundaries of the county.

25. An act providing for the location of the courthouse, jail and other public buildings of the county of McDowell.

Repeals former laws in relation to location of public buildings.

Provides that at the election to be held on the 4th Thursday in May next, polls shall be held "for the location on Tug fork;" "for the location at the mouth of Jim's branch on Clear fork;" "for the location at or near Reedy spring on the Dry fork of Sandy, at the residence of Malcolm O'Neil;" and a majority of votes to determine the location.

If neither location receive a majority of votes, another election is to be held on the 4th Thursday of June, between the two highest.

Voluntary enslavement of free negroes.

26. An act for the voluntary enslavement of free negroes without compensation to the commonwealth.

Provides that free persons of color or slaves who have been manumitted may appear before the circuit court of the county in which such persons have resided for 12 months, and make application to choose a master or mistress.

Court directed to examine both parties. The attorney for the commonwealth to be present.

Court may grant the application without compensation to the commonwealth.

Party, master or mistress, to enter into bond that such negro shall never be a charge to any county or corporation. The master or mistress to be entitled to custody, control and services of minor children of the enslaved adults until the females arrive at the age of 18 years, and the males at the age of 21 years.

Payment to be made for such in the discretion of the court, and bond to be given therefor.

Proceedings to be entered of record, and property to vest in master or mistress so chosen.

Children heretofore bound out, articles not to be affected.

Costs to be paid by master or mistress.

All acts inconsistent herewith, repealed.

Act in force from its passage.

Poorhouses.

27. An act to provide more efficient police regulations at the poorhouses of this commonwealth.

Provides that a county or circuit court of any county may appoint a conservator of the peace, whose jurisdiction shall extend over the grounds attached to the poorhouse of the county, and for one mile around the same.

Securities of defaulting sheriffs.

28. An act authorizing the auditor of public accounts to release the securities of defaulting sheriffs from the payment of damages in certain cases.

Authorizes the auditor to release the securities of an insolvent sheriff from damages, upon the payment of the judgment.

The sheriff, nor a deputy though he be a security, not to be released under the provisions of this act.

If the whole of the judgment be not paid, damages to be released on so much thereof as has been paid.

Erroneous assessments.

29. An act to amend the 102d and 103d sections of an act passed March 30th, 1860, entitled an act for assessment of taxes on persons and property.

Provides that any person aggrieved by an entry upon the commissioner's book (land or personal), or by the assessment of a license tax, may within two years apply to the county court for relief. Attorney for the commonwealth to be present and commissioner to be examined.

Persons heretofore aggrieved may apply within two years from the passage of this act. Court, if satisfied, shall grant relief, and clerk shall send certified copy of the order to the auditor. If paid, the amount to be refunded. If not paid, party to be exonerated therefrom.

When application is made to the county court, ten days' notice to be given to the attorney for the commonwealth.

If error committed by neglect or carelessness of commissioner, he is to be responsible for costs.

Forfeited and delinquent lands.

30. An act to enforce payment of balances due from commissioners of forfeited and delinquent lands.

Directs the auditor of public accounts to collect any balances due from commissioners for lands sold west of the Alleghany mountains.

Upon failure to pay such balances, auditor to cause suits to be instituted in the counties in which such commissioners may have been appointed.

Proceedings to be in all respects not otherwise provided, as against sheriffs, &c.

Commissioners of the revenue.

31. An act allowing persons elected commissioners of the revenue at the last general election, and who failed to

qualify within the time prescribed by law, to qualify as such in certain cases.

Allows the county courts to permit a qualification within thirty days from the passage of this act, provided the office had not been declared vacant and a new election ordered. Makes the bond valid and effectual, executed after the time prescribed by law.

Second edition of Code.

32. An act to appropriate a sum necessary to pay for the preparation and publication of the second edition of the Code of Virginia.

Appropriates \$20,000 to the printers and publishers, and \$2,000 to the secretary of the commonwealth, for its preparation.

Mayo's Guide.

33. An act to distribute Mayo's Guide to coroners.

Directs that a copy of Mayo's Guide be sent to each coroner in the commonwealth when the Acts of Assembly are distributed.

Clerks of senate and house of delegates.

34. An act allowing compensation to the clerk of the house of delegates and clerk of the senate, for services rendered during the present session of the general assembly.

Allows eight dollars per day to each clerk.

Adjutant general.

35. An act providing pay for the adjutant general on account of his services in the reorganization of the militia in the years 1858 and 1859.

Appropriates \$1,500.

Remains of General Lee.

36. An act making an appropriation for the removal to Virginia of the remains of General Harry Lee.

Appropriates \$1,000, and directs the remains to be carried to the public grounds of the Military institute, and a suitable monument to be erected over them. To be done under the direction of the governor.

37. An act to defray the expenses of a pedestal, setting up and transporting the statue of Jefferson.

Appropriates \$1,600; to be drawn in favor of Thomas J. Randolph, rector of the university.

Rail roads.

38. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Richmond and York river rail road company, passed January 31, 1853.

Authorizes the company to purchase and run steam boats, and make connections with steam boat lines.

No other change in act.

39. An act authorizing the county court of Rockingham to loan to Manassas gap rail road company a sum of money.

Authorizes the county court of Rockingham to lend said company \$100,000: provided company pay to the court interest, and constitute a sinking fund to extinguish debt at maturity.

40. An act to amend an act to increase the capital stock of the Richmond and Danville rail road company, and for other purposes.

Authorizes the company to increase its capital stock by the sum of \$2,000,000 for the purpose of extending its road.

41. An act for the relief of the Orange and Alexandria rail road company.

Authorizes the company to pay all arrearages of interest, and interest to become due to the commonwealth on or before the 1st day of January 1864, with interest thereon: provided the company will confess judgment for whatever amount may appear to be due to the commonwealth upon

agreement between the company and Board of public works, or referees appointed by them.

No execution to issue until 1st January 1864.

42. An act to protect the interests of the commonwealth and others in rail road and steam boat companies in this state, on the two lines between Baltimore and Weldon.

Authorizes any rail road or steam boat company in this state, constituting a part of the through line between Baltimore and Weldon, to purchase and hold stock of the other competing line, to prevent loss from injurious competition.

43. An act in relation to the devise made by Joel Osborne to the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire rail road company.

Directs the Board of public works to pay three dollars for every two paid under the provisions of the will of the said Joel Osborne. Amount to be deducted from the appropriation authorized by law.

Police agents on rail roads.

44. An act to authorize rail road companies to appoint police agents.

Authorizes any rail road company, with the approbation of the county court of any county through which the road may pass, to appoint a police agent or agents, with powers of a constable.

Such agent may arrest any negro, without proper evidence of his right to be on said rail road or company's cars, works or property, and deliver him to the jailor of the county in which the arrest is made.

Turnpikes.

45. An act amending the act passed April 2d, 1858, concerning the Berryville and Charlestown turnpike.

Directs that the Board of public works may appoint a superintendent of said turnpike, whose compensation shall

not exceed the lowest sum for which the superintendence of said road can be let to a bidder deemed competent.

46. An act appointing superintendents of the Staunton and Parkersburg turnpike road.

Authorizes the Board of public works to appoint two superintendents of the Parkersburg turnpike—one to reside east, and the other west of Cheat mountain.

No additional charge upon the treasury.

47. An act to amend and re-enact an act passed March 22d, 1860, entitled an act to incorporate the Knob turnpike company in the county of Washington, and incorporating the Abingdon and Tennessee turnpike company.

Reduces the capital under former law to \$5,000.

Authorizes a three-fifths subscription on the part of the state, and changes the name of the company.

County court of Washington may subscribe.

48. An act transferring the Cacapon and North branch turnpike to the county court of Hampshire county.

Makes the transfer, with the assent of the private stockholders: provided, the state incurs no liability to said stockholders.

49. An act amending the charter of the Black lick and Plaster bank turnpike company.

Authorizes the directors to extend their road from the Walker's creek and Holston turnpike to Marion and Rye valley turnpike on Clinch's mountain in the county of Tazewell.

Authorizes a division of the road into two sections, and requires the directors to apportion the cost.

The Board of public works is directed to subscribe for three-fifths of the estimated cost of each division.

50. An act to alter and amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Blacksburg, Catawba creek and Fincastle turnpike company, passed February 5th, 1860, and to change the name to the Montgomery, Roanoke and Botetourt turnpike company.

This act merely increases the number of commissioners, and changes the name of the company and the location of the road.

51. An act to increase the capital stock of the Elk river turnpike company.

Increases the capital stock by the sum of \$25,000, but provides that the state shall subscribe for no part of such increase.

52. An act to amend the charter of the Sir John's run turnpike company.

Authorizes the company to increase its capital stock by the sum of \$5,000, for the purpose of extending its road.

Books of subscription to be opened under the direction of the board of directors.

53. An act to transfer a part of the Price's mountain and Cumberland gap turnpike to the Mountain lake and Salt sulphur springs turnpike company.

Provides that the last named company, with the consent of the county court of Giles, may adopt a certain portion of the first named as a part of their road.

Restriction as to right to charge toll on a certain portion of the road; and the consent of the county court of Giles may be withdrawn when company fails to keep road in repair.

Plank road.

54. An act authorizing the Board of public works to confirm the sale of the Marysville plank road to the county court of Charlotte.

Title explains the act.

Canal and navigation companies.

55. An act to amend and re-enact the 2d section of an act passed February 8th, 1860, to revive and amend an act passed March 1st, 1853, entitled an act to amend and revive the charter of the Little Kanawha navigation company.

Authorizes a subscription of \$25,000, for the purpose of improving the Little Kanawha from Parkersburg to the falls of said river in Braxton, near Wm. P. Haymond's mill. If that sum is not sufficient, an increased subscription may be made.

The Board of public works are not to subscribe to any portion of said increase.

56. An act to incorporate the Virginia canal company, and to transfer the rights and franchises of the James river and Kanawha company thereto.

An executory agreement was entered into on the 1st day of September 1860, between Ernest de Bellot des Minieres, for himself and his associates, under the name and style of Bellot des Minieres, Brothers & Co. of the one part, and Thomas H. Ellis, president of the James river and Kanawha company, of the other part (the president acting in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the stockholders in general meeting), for the sale of the property of the James river and Kanawha company to the said firm. The contract was approved by the Board of public works, and this act of assembly was passed to ratify and confirm it.

The contract expresses the importance to Virginia of a continuous water line to the Ohio river; and to France, the benefit which will accrue from direct trade with Virginia.

It proposed a new company, to be known as the "Virginia Canal Company," with a capital of not less than twenty nor more than thirty-five millions of dollars; to which was to be transferred the entire property of the James river and Kanawha company. The private stockholders in said company to have one share of stock for every share now held by them; and the state to transfer to the new company her entire interest in the work, upon certain conditions. The most important of these conditions were briefly as follows: That the new company should place the improvement from Richmond to Buchanan in perfect repair; that they should complete the improvement to the Ohio river; enlarge the improvement from Richmond to Buchanan; enlarge the capa-

city of the Tide water connection and Richmond dock—and most important of all, that the new company should pay into the state treasury, semi-annually forever, the sum of \$67,500; and as a guarantee for the performance of this condition, should deposit with the treasurer of the state one million of dollars of the registered six per cent. stock of the state. The said company are also bound to pay to the private stockholders five per cent. upon their stock until the completion of the work to the Ohio river, and then their proper proportion of the profits. The company may at any time discharge itself from the payment of the annuity to Virginia, by paying into the treasury two millions two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in specie.

These are the principal provisions of the contract; and this act has been passed to give it validity, except in so far as modified by the act itself.

The act is divided into ten chapters.

Chapter 1 contains the incorporation of the company; its general powers; restrictions thereon; a provision that its works and property are not to be encumbered or sold without the consent of the general assembly; a provision for the repayment of the money expended on the Kanawha improvement under act of 1860; the mode in which the property and works of the James river and Kanawha company are to be transferred to the new company; and prescribes the precedent conditions; declares in what manner pending suits are to be proceeded with: prescribes the mode and conditions on which the interest of the state is to be transferred and its mortgages released: declares what shall be the rights of new company after the transfer: fixes the annuity to be paid to the state semi-annually forever, and the sums to be paid to the private stockholders until the completion of the improvement to the Ohio river.

Chapter 2 prescribes the capital stock, minimum and maximum; minimum capital, of what composed, and how provided; how the stock of private stockholders shall be delivered up, and certificates for new stock delivered; how the rest of minimum capital may be raised; how books of

subscription may be opened ; what certificate to be made to the Board of public works when minimum capital is raised : provides how the maximum capital may be raised, how stock may be transferred when stockholders fail or refuse to transfer it ; for the issuing of stock to private stockholders, which shall be deemed personal estate : declares that governments except the government of Virginia shall not be stockholders : prescribes the mode of transfer of stock in foreign office : and enacts that foreigners holding stock, in any question concerning the same, shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the tribunals of Virginia.

Chapter 3 prescribes the mode of holding general meetings, and the place thereof, annual and called ; the manner in which such meetings shall be constituted ; how proxies are appointed ; how the proceedings of the meetings are to be kept ; the votes of stockholders ; the management of board of company, through a president and board of directors ; how they are appointed ; their duties ; how the journal of the board and its records shall be kept ; where the company's office shall be ; where a branch may be located ; meetings of the board of directors ; how officers appointed and their compensation ; how fixed (that of the president and directors, by the stockholders ; of other officers, by the board of directors). By this chapter remedies are provided against delinquent stockholders ; regulations prescribed for the transfer of stock, and for the renewal of lost certificates.

Chapter 4 authorizes the company to make surveys for route of line : defines the quantity of real estate it may acquire ; the manner of acquiring : provides for the appointment of assessors, with powers and under restrictions similar to those required by the laws of the state in similar cases of condemnation : prescribes the court to which the report of the assessors shall be made, &c. Company by this chapter are authorized to change location of its work ; are directed to provide wagon roads for owners of land through whose land the improvement passes : are prohibited from occupying a street in a town without consent : is authorized to cross or be connected with another work, with the same privilege

for other works to cross or be connected with it. The general assembly reserves the right of connecting with the Virginia canal company any internal improvement it may deem proper. By this chapter the company are authorized to take material (wood, stone, gravel, &c.) from land for their use; and the mode in which the same shall be taken is prescribed. If force is used to prevent their entry upon lands for the purpose aforesaid, the sheriff or sergeant may attend and remove it.

Chapter 5 treats of the general line of improvement, and the manner in which the work is to be constructed: divides the work into nine sections:

1st. The Richmond dock and Tidewater connection.

2d. The first division of the canal from Richmond to Lynchburg.

3d. The second division from Lynchburg to Buchanan; and herein is contained a provision for the enlargement of the works.

4th. The third division from Buchanan to Covington.

5th. The fourth division from Covington to the Greenbrier river.

6th. The fifth division from Greenbrier river to Loup creek shoals.

7th. The sixth division from Loup creek shoals to the mouth of the Kanawha.

8th. The seventh division is the Kanawha turnpike.

9th. The eighth division embraces the Blue Ridge turnpike and ferry.

This chapter prescribes the mode of improvement on the Ohio river.

The mode of improvement of canals and locks, repairs of turnpikes, &c. are prescribed and set forth: the manner of obtaining changes in the line is declared, with a restriction not to interfere with a location of the Central rail road or of the Covington and Ohio rail road: navigation is not to be interrupted for a greater period than two months: herein is prescribed the time for new company to complete its works;

the guarantees for a compliance on their part, and a proviso that on failure, James river and Kanawha company to be restored to its rights: the Board of public works are authorized to appoint a commissioner to examine whether the requirements of the charter have been complied with, &c.

Chapter 6 treats of the assessment and collection of tolls, and regulations relating thereto: provides who shall have use of works on paying tolls; the general rates of toll; toll on Kanawha turnpike and Blue Ridge turnpike, and on bridges and ferries; toll on boats and passengers: authorizes contracts for quarterly or yearly payments of toll; declares certain exemptions from toll: provides in relation to toll bridges across North river, tolls on stage coaches; bills of lading and statement of passengers, and tolls thereon; as to collection of tolls, how fines for non-payment recoverable; payment from collectors, how enforced; tolls on troops; and for the collection of tolls on the Kanawha river.

Chapter 7 is in relation to dividends and liabilities to stockholders; declares that net profits shall never exceed fifteen per cent.: annuity to state and payment to stockholders to be paid before any dividend is declared. If such payments be not made, property may be sequestered. Dividends to be paid in Richmond, Paris or elsewhere. Directors to be personally liable for illegal dividends. Notice of dividends to be published, and uncalled for dividends paid into the state treasury.

Chapter 8 contains regulations for the inspection of boats: authorizes dock masters and harbor masters: prescribes their duties: makes provision for the preservation of the peace on the part of company's employees: exempts them from working on roads and from militia duty.

Chapter 9 limits the powers of courts to obstruct navigation, by the erection of dams, and guarantees to the company the right of navigation: imposes penalties for obstructing navigation with fish traps: imposes on company the duty of erecting buoys and beacons, and placing ringbolts in the rivers: restricts the company to the use of the water, ex-

cept for navigation, but authorizes sale by them in certain cases: water for the public armory is reserved, and the lessees from the state to enjoy the privileges of their contracts.

Chapter 10 provides that the general assembly may require reports from the company: that they shall make an annual report to the Board of public works: imposes a penalty for failing to make report: declares the rate of taxation; the duration of the charter; the disposition of property when corporation is dissolved; and in that event, the mode in which the James river and Kanawha company may be restored to its rights.

Banks.

57. An act for the relief of the banks of this commonwealth.

Suspends all laws imposing penalties for the failure to redeem in specie until 1st of March 1862, and saves the forfeiture of charters. Bank notes to be received in payment of public dues.

Banks may resume specie payments at any time before date aforesaid.

Act providing for a more uniform currency, commonly known as redemption law, repealed.

Banks to furnish specie funds to meet demands on the treasury for the payment of interest on the public debt.

The other provisions of this act it is needless to enumerate, as the act has been extensively circulated.

58. An act to extend the charter of the Bank of Virginia.

Extends the charter of the bank from the 1st day of April 1863 for twenty years, subject to existing laws.

Act to take effect from the time its charter commences: provided its provisions be approved by the stockholders in general meeting, and such approval certified to the governor.

59. An act to extend the charter of the Farmers Bank of Virginia.

60. An act to extend the charter of the Exchange Bank of Virginia.

61. An act to extend the charter of the Bank of the Valley in Virginia.

62. An act to extend the charter of the Northwestern Bank of Virginia.

63. An act to extend the charter of the Merchants and Mechanics Bank of Wheeling.

These acts are in totidem verbis with the act extending the charter of the Bank of Virginia.

64. An act amending the 2d section of an act authorizing the Bank of the Valley in Virginia to establish a branch in the city of Richmond.

Provides that the capital stock may be furnished by the sale of additional stock, or by a transfer of stock, or by a combination of the two modes.

65. An act establishing a branch bank at the town of Jeffersonville in the county of Tazewell.

Authorizes the Bank of Virginia, the Farmers Bank of Virginia, the Bank of the Valley or the Exchange Bank to establish a branch at Jeffersonville, with a capital of not less than \$100,000 nor more than \$250,000.

66. An act to extend the charter of the Central Bank of Virginia.

Charter extended until 1st April 1883.

Bank may establish branches at Beverley in Randolph or Warrenton in Fauquier, with a capital of not less than \$100,000 nor more than \$250,000; to be raised by transfer or sale, or by a combination of these modes.

Bank authorized to increase its capital stock to \$1,000,000.

67. An act to enable the Monticello Bank or the Bank of the Commonwealth to establish an office of discount and deposit at Monaskon in the county of Lancaster.

Capital not less than \$ 100,000 nor more than \$ 150,000 ; to be provided by transfer from mother bank.

Branch bank to be under the management of five directors, subject to the rules and regulations prescribed by existing laws.

68. An act to authorize the Merchants Bank of Lynchburg and the Monticello Bank to establish branches at certain places.

Authorizes either bank to establish branches at Rocky-mount, Goodson, Abingdon, Princeton or Lebanon, with a capital of not less than \$ 100,000 nor more than \$ 300,000 ; to be raised by sale or transfer, or a combination of these modes.

69. An act to incorporate the Bank of Parkersburg in the county of Wood.

Incorporates a bank with a capital of \$ 100,000 (charter to continue until 1st April 1889), according to provisions of existing laws.

Provides the manner in which the stock shall be paid, and appoints commissioners to receive subscriptions.

70. An act allowing the Northwestern Bank of Virginia and any of its branches to establish an agency in the city of Richmond for the redemption of its circulating notes.

Redemption to be made at a discount of one-fourth of one per cent.

When notes are presented at the parent bank or branch which has established such agency, exceeding \$ 500, said bank may redeem the same by a specie draft on Richmond at par.

Bank may change agency.

71. An act to amend the charter of the Bank of the Commonwealth.

Authorizes the treasurer of the state to retransfer to the bank the certificates of the debt of the state and other securities, upon receiving and canceling an equal amount of

the notes of said bank; and when such retransfer has been made, so that only \$10,000 of the notes of said bank are outstanding, the treasurer may deliver up the remainder of said securities, upon receiving a bond executed by five stockholders, with five sufficient securities, in a penalty equal to at least three times the amount of such outstanding notes, and conditioned to pay the same at the place of business of said bank, or either of the obligors therein.

Bond to have the force of a judgment; and for every breach of the condition execution may issue, upon ten days' notice of the application, in the name of the commonwealth, for the benefit of the person interested.

The effect of this act is to put this bank upon the footing of what are known as the "old banks," and to destroy the feature of banking on public securities.

Act to take effect from its acceptance by stockholders.

72. An act to amend the charter of the Bank of Scottsville.

Provisions identical with those of act amending the charter of the Bank of the Commonwealth.

It is further, however, provided that the bank shall not pay out any note except of \$5, or of some multiple of \$10.

Provides for the usual quarterly statement, and that the board of directors shall consist of seven, to be chosen by the stockholders.

Act to take effect from its acceptance by stockholders.

73. An act to amend the charter of the Bank of the Old Dominion.

This act places this bank upon the footing of the old banks.

Its provisions are similar to those contained in the act amending the charter of the Bank of Scottsville, except that it is provided that the board of directors shall consist of nine.

74. An act to amend the charter of the Bank of Commerce at Fredericksburg.

Charter to continue until 1st April 1871.

Its other provisions are identical with the act just sketched, except that its board of directors shall consist of seven.

75. An act to amend the charter of the Bank of Philippi. Same provisions with acts preceding. Number of directors seven. Places bank on footing of the old banks.

76. An act to amend the charter of the Merchants Bank of Virginia.

This act places this bank upon the footing of the old banks, by prescribing the mode in which its stocks may be redelivered by the treasurer. Provisions very similar to acts just before sketched.

77. An act to amend the charter of the Southwestern Bank of Virginia. Charter to continue until 1st of July 1878.

Places the bank upon the footing of the old banks, by provisions similar to those just enumerated.

78. An act to amend the charter of the Bank of Howardsville.

This is a state stock bank; and the act amending its charter contains provisions similar to those before described.

79. An act to amend the charter of the Bank of Richmond.

Amends the 5th section of act passed April 2d, 1860, entitled an act to incorporate the Bank of Richmond.

80. An act to amend the charter of the Bank of Charleston.

Charter extended from 27th February 1863 for twenty years. Loans and discounts not to exceed twice capital of said bank.

No draft, &c. to be issued, not payable in specie.

Notes to be of the denomination of \$5, and of some multiple of ten.

Usual provision as to quarterly statements.

Directors to be elected by stockholders.

Act to take effect from time its provisions are accepted by stockholders.

81. An act to amend the charter of the Danville Bank, and to authorize branches for the same.

Directs that the circulation shall never exceed five times the amount of coin.

Bank is authorized to establish branches at Patrick courthouse, at Princeton in Mercer county, and at Jeffersonville in Tazewell county, with a capital not exceeding \$150,000; to be raised by a sale or transfer, or a combination of such modes.

Branches to be under the direction of five directors; and minimum capital not to be less than \$100,000.

82. An act to repeal an act passed April 2d, 1858, entitled an act requiring the banks of the commonwealth to resume specie payments.

Title explains act.

83. An act to authorize the treasurer of the state to destroy certain bank notes now on deposit in his office, and such as may be received in future.

Authorizes the treasurer to destroy the notes of state stock banks which have been canceled.

The treasurer acting in conjunction with the agent of the bank returning said notes.

84. An act absolving the state and treasurer from all liability in case of loss of coupon bonds deposited as security for bank circulation, unless the said coupons be converted into registered stock, and prohibiting coupon bonds from being received in future as such security.

Provides that unless the banks of the state shall, before the 1st of April 1860, avail themselves of the provisions of section 17 of chapter 67 of the Code, edition of 1860, that the treasurer and state shall be absolved from all liability on account of loss of coupons.

Provides farther, that only registered bonds shall here-

after be received by the treasurer as security for bank circulation.

Pilot laws.

85. An act to amend the act to amend the pilot laws in regard to the Potomac river.

Authorizes the county court of Alexandria to appoint five suitable persons as commissioners to examine persons applying for branches as pilots for the river Potomac.

Prescribes the manner of their appointment, fees of pilotage, and proviso as to British American vessels.

The second section of act 1860 is omitted.

The other sections are substantially the same.

Inspection of guano and plaster.

86. An act to amend the 3d and 4th sections of an act passed March 15th, 1850, entitled an act to provide for the inspection of guano and plaster of paris in the city of Richmond and town of Petersburg.

Provides for inspection of guano in Richmond and Petersburg. Duty of inspectors to inspect all guano.

County lines.

87. An act to amend the 1st section of the act passed March 4th, 1856, for marking the boundary lines between Fluvanna and Albemarle counties.

Title explains act.

PRIVATE ACTS.

Cities and towns.

88. An act to amend the charter of the city of Richmond.

This act embodies in it the laws passed at the last session in reference to the court of hustings, and re-enacts and amends the charter of the city. In it the powers of the council are clearly and accurately defined; the manner of conducting municipal elections set forth; the officers created and their duties defined—distinguishing between such as are to be filled by the people and by the council. It would be impossible, in a brief sketch, to give any accurate idea of this charter—and as it is merely local, any further remark is considered unnecessary.

89. An act amending the charter of the town of Charleston in the county of Kanawha.

Officers of town: mayor, recorder and five councilmen, a town sergeant, a treasurer, a commissioner of the revenue, and an overseer of the poor.

Defines the corporate limits. Prescribes the time and manner of holding elections, the terms of office and the qualification of voters. Defines the powers of the council; confers upon it power to carry its ordinances into effect; creates a lien upon real estate for taxes, &c.

This act, like the one preceding it, being purely local, needs no further commentary.

90. An act amending the charter of the town of Bath in the county of Morgan.

Provides for the election of a board of trustees, to consist

of five, on the first Monday in April annually. The president not to vote except in case of a tie: to be a justice of the peace ex-officio within the limits of the town (to be commissioned by the governor), except that he shall not be a member of the county court. Appeals may be taken from his decision.

Election to be held on first Monday in April, and to be superintended by sheriff. Board of trustees hereafter may direct mode of election.

91. An act for the better government of the town of Danville.

Authorizes the court or justice making the committal, to direct that persons committed to jail for punishment or for default of security, may be made to work upon the streets, &c.

92. An act amending and re-enacting the charter of the town of Guyandotte in the county of Cabell.

Municipal authorities to be a mayor, recorder and five councilmen, who shall form the council. Town sergeant with powers of a constable. The powers of the council defined. Mayor to be ex-officio a justice of the peace. The mayor and recorder to receive compensation.

First election to be held on third Saturday in April 1861, and thereafter on the first Monday in June.

93. An act to incorporate the town of Asbury.

Asbury camp ground in the county of Wythe incorporated as a town.

Five trustees to be appointed and a sergeant.

94. An act to amend an act incorporating the town of Christiansburg, and extending the limits of the same.

Corporate limits extended. Officers to be a mayor, five councilmen and a sergeant. Council may appoint other officers. May contract loans and issue certificates of debt, and provide for the interest, and a sinking fund.

Citizens exempt from working on county roads, &c.

95. An act amending the charter of the town of Union in the county of Monroe.

Provides that the board of trustees shall annually appoint a sergeant, who shall give bond, &c.

Each member of the board shall be a conservator of the peace. Mayor to be a justice of the peace in civil and criminal cases, except that he shall not be a member of the county court. Salary not to exceed \$ 50 per annum. Board may appoint patrols.

96. An act amending the third section of an act entitled an act incorporating the town of Portsmouth as a city, passed March 1st, 1858.

Gives the mayor and aldermen powers as justices within, and for a mile around the city.

Court to have concurrent jurisdiction over the harbor and southern branch of Elizabeth river, with the courts of the city and county of Norfolk, and jurisdiction for a mile around the city.

97. An act to incorporate the town of Rathbone in the county of Wirt.

Officers to be a mayor, five councilmen and a sergeant, with the powers of a constable.

Officers to be elected by freeholders residents of the town.

Election 3d Saturday in April of each year.

Mayor a justice of the peace.

Powers of council defined. Power to appoint a police.

Streets and alleys not to be laid off without the consent of the owners.

98. An act to incorporate the town of Independence in the county of Grayson.

Officers shall consist of five trustees (who shall compose the council), and a sergeant.

Council shall have power to pass all needful by-laws, &c, and levy such tax as they deem necessary.

Council to elect a president of their own number, who shall be a justice of the peace within said town.

99. An act extending the corporate limits of the town of Fredericksburg.

Includes certain lands belonging to the Fredericksburg water power company.

100. An act amending certain acts concerning the town of Port Royal in the county of Caroline.

Appoints certain persons trustees, and directs how vacancies are to be filled. One of said trustees to be chosen president, who is invested with the powers of a justice of the peace. Trustees allowed the use of the jail of Caroline county. Charter subject to general laws. Trustees power to levy tax not exceeding 50 cts. in the \$ 100, nor 25 cts. upon every tithable. Trustees power to appoint a constable.

101. An act amending the second section of an act entitled an act incorporating the town of Bethany, passed April 5th, 1853. Officers to consist of a council of nine trustees, and a sergeant.

Sergeant to have power of constable.

102. An act to incorporate the town of Cameron in the county of Marshall.

Officers to consist of a mayor, five councilmen, and a sergeant, who shall have the powers of a constable.

Council may appoint an alderman, establish and lay out streets, and levy taxes.

Citizens exempted from working county roads.

Council allowed the use of the county jail of Marshall county.

103. An act to amend the act of 27th March, 1858, incorporating the town of Frankfort in Greenbrier county.

Officers to consist of a mayor, five councilmen, and a sergeant, with power of a constable, to be elected by the qualified voters.

Sergeant to give bond as other constables to be appointed by the county court.

104. An act to provide for a special election in the town of Marion in the county of Smyth.

Provides for the election of seven trustees.

105. An act authorizing the city of Portsmouth to issue coupon bonds.

City of Portsmouth authorized to issue coupon bonds for a sum not exceeding \$50,000, in sums not less than \$100 each. Vote to be taken. City authorized to levy taxes to pay interest and redeem principal.

Rail roads.

106. An act to incorporate the Preston and Augusta rail road company.

Incorporates a company with a capital not exceeding \$2,500,000, for the purpose of making a rail road from Portland in Preston on the Baltimore and Ohio rail road, to Staunton in Augusta on the Virginia Central rail road.

When \$500,000 are subscribed, company incorporated. Company may borrow money, &c. Counties along the line may subscribe by a vote of three fifths of the voters.

107. An act authorizing the Norfolk and Petersburg rail road company to construct a branch of their road to some point on the North Carolina line, and to increase its capital stock.

Authorizes an increase of \$100,000 to the capital stock, but prohibits the assets of the company to be used in any manner. So that the state has no interest in the proposed road. The increased stock to be raised by subscriptions of individuals and corporations other than the state.

108. An act authorizing the Petersburg rail road company to increase its capital stock.

Authorizes the company to issue new stock to the holders of the present stock: provided the amount of new stock shall not exceed one-half of the amount of the present stock.

109. An act to authorize the Virginia Central rail road

company to construct a branch of their road to Lexington in the county of Rockbridge.

Authorizes an increase of capital by the sum of \$500,000, but provides that the state shall take no part of it; nor shall the assets of the existing company be in any wise chargeable, or its earnings applied to the construction of said road.

110. An act incorporating the Norfolk county railway company.

Incorporates a company with the above name, to construct a rail road from the harbor of Norfolk and Portsmouth to some point in Norfolk county, to be determined on.

Subscriptions may be received in lands.

Capital not less than \$50,000 nor more than \$1,000,000.

Norfolk, Portsmouth and the county of Norfolk authorized to subscribe, if so decided by a vote of the land and real property holders.

If subscription is made, said cities and county authorized to issue coupon bonds.

111. An act to amend and re-enact the 1st and 3d sections of an act entitled an act to incorporate a company to construct, on the plan of James S. French, a rail road between Alexandria and Washington, passed February 27, 1854.

Capital \$300,000.

Acts of the Alexandria and Washington rail road company declared legal.

Proviso adopted imposing restrictions upon said company.

112. An act to incorporate the Burning springs and oil line rail road company.

Authorizes the incorporation of a company to construct a road from Burning springs in the county of Wirt, to Parkersburg in the county of Wood, or some point on the Northwestern Virginia rail road.

Capital not less than \$100,000 nor more than \$500,000.

When minimum amount of capital subscribed, company incorporated by the name of Burning Springs and Oil Line Rail Road Company. Any incorporated company authorized

to subscribe. Ten years allowed to company to begin their organization and complete their road.

113. An act amending an act passed March 20th, 1860, authorizing the council of Richmond to construct rail roads in its streets.

Authorizes the construction of rail roads in the county in which the city is situated, with the consent of the county court; but provides that the county court of Henrico shall not grant this privilege until the persons authorized by the council of Richmond to construct rail roads, shall be allowed three months to commence their works in good faith, &c.

114. An act granting rights of way to mining and manufacturing companies in this commonwealth.

Authorizes owners of mineral lands in any of the counties of the commonwealth, to construct suitable rail roads from said lands, with the consent of the proprietors over whose lands their road may pass, to any other rail road or navigable stream.

If the company cease operations for five years, the land condemned to revert to original owner.

Turnpikes.

115. An act to authorize the Wolf creek turnpike company to reduce the width of their road.

Authorizes the company to reduce road to a width not less than 14 feet.

116. An act to incorporate the Burning spring and oil line turnpike company.

Incorporated to construct a road from Burning spring in Wirt county, to any point in Wood or Wirt that the company may select.

Capital stock not less than \$4,000 nor more than \$20,000.

117. An act amending and re-enacting the 2d section of the charter of the Mechanicsville turnpike company, passed February 21st, 1817.

Amends charter of 1817 of the road then incorporated from the city of Richmond, crossing the Chickahominy river between the Meadow and the New bridges, until it intersects the Swamp road on the north side of said river.

118. An act to amend the charter of the Brown's gap turnpike company.

Authorizes the county court of Albemarle to transfer to the company such portions of the county road as are now used in connection with said road, upon the recommendation of one or more of the road commissioners of said county.

119. An act to incorporate the Newport and gap mills turnpike company.

Incorporates a company to construct a road from Newport in Giles county, to the Gap mills in the county of Monroe.

Capital stock, \$ 15,000.

Company not required to make a summer or side road, nor to cover their road with gravel.

Width not to be less than sixteen feet, grade not to exceed five degrees.

120. An act to incorporate the Leesburg and Aldie turnpike company.

Incorporates a company with a capital of \$25,000, to construct a road from Leesburg to some point at or within a mile of the town of Aldie.

Road to be cleared thirty-feet, and graveled fourteen feet. Three toll gates to be erected between the termini. No toll to be charged until five miles are completed.

County court of Loudoun authorized to subscribe.

121. An act to incorporate the Leesburg and Point of rocks turnpike company.

Company incorporated to construct a road from Leesburg to the southern end of the Potomac bridge in the county of Loudoun.

Width of road to be 22 feet, exclusive of ditches; and of the macadamized portion, 14 feet.

Company allowed to erect three toll gates, and to charge toll when five continuous miles are completed.

County court of Loudoun empowered to subscribe, upon conditions.

122. An act to authorize an issue of preferred stock by the Alexandria, Mount Vernon and Accotink turnpike company.

Authorizes the issue of \$12,000 of preferred stock; and legalizes the issue of \$5,000, heretofore made.

Toll bridges.

123. An act to incorporate the Staffordsville toll bridge company.

Authorizes the incorporation of a company, with a capital not exceeding \$12,000, to build a toll bridge across Walker's creek, at the mouth of Whitley's branch in the county of Giles.

Plank roads.

124. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Farmville and Buckingham plank road company, passed May 22, 1852.

Road to be constructed with plank eight feet wide, and grade not to exceed four degrees.

County roads.

125. An act to amend the road law of Brooke and Hancock counties.

Provides that every person between the ages of 21 and 60 shall work on the public roads; and for failure, shall be fined one dollar.

126. An act to amend the 2d, 3d and 6th sections of an act passed February 28, 1858, providing for working the county roads of Loudoun.

Provides that the court may fix the wages of hands, &c. Court may appoint commissioners to report upon such matters touching the public roads as they deem expedient.

Roads to be laid off in precincts, and surveyors appointed.
Abstract of all accounts to be published.

Insurance companies.

127. An act to incorporate the Farmers and mechanics insurance company of the city of Richmond.

Company incorporated, subject to usual restrictions.

The capital stock not less than \$100,000 nor more than \$300,000.

The president and directors are authorized to make insurance, in the fullest manner, upon all the subjects of insurance.

All policies to be obligatory, if signed by the president and secretary.

The affairs of the company are to be managed by a president and ten directors. President and directors may appoint agents. Company not to put in circulation any note in the nature of a bank note.

Act subject to the control of the general assembly.

128. An act to amend the 4th section of an act incorporating the Jefferson insurance company of Albemarle.

Gives company power to hold and acquire personal or real estate for the purpose of securing debts; to lend money upon real or personal security, and to invest in stocks.

129. An act to incorporate the Western Virginia insurance company.

Capital stock not less than \$30,000 nor more than \$500,000; to be divided into shares of \$50 each.

Usual grants as to insurance.

Usual provisions as to investments, &c.

Secretary to be a competent witness.

Affairs of company to be managed by a president and seven directors.

Usual provisions as to elections, votes, appointment of officers, agents, and the prohibition as to issue of bank notes.

130. An act to incorporate the Richmond city insurance company of Richmond.

Capital stock not less than \$25,000 nor more than \$500,000.

Usual powers as to insurance, investments, and receiving money on deposit, with a proviso that deposits shall not be liable for any policies.

The usual prohibition as to issue of bank notes, and restricted as to holding land, save for an office, unless for the purpose of securing debts.

Power to appoint agents.

Stockholders liable to the amount of their stock.

Secretary a competent witness.

Usual proviso as to interest.

131. An act incorporating the Rockbridge insurance company.

Usual powers as to insurance conferred on the company. Power to receive money on deposit. To invest in stocks, and real or personal securities. Capital stock not less than \$30,000 nor more than \$400,000.

Affairs of company to be managed by president and directors, who may appoint agents, clerks and other officers. Shall publish a report at the end of each year, of the operations of the company.

Company prohibited from issuing notes in the nature of bank notes.

132. An act to amend an act passed January 23d, 1860, entitled an act to incorporate the Virginia life insurance company.

Directs that there shall be an annual meeting, and declares who are to be entitled to vote.

Provides that any policy issued for the benefit of a married woman, no matter how obtained, shall be for her benefit and that of her children, as may be expressed therein, free from all control upon the part of the husband.

133. An act to amend the act incorporating the Insurance company of the state of Virginia of Richmond.

Name of company changed. Capital stock not less than \$100,000 nor more than \$1,000,000.

Savings banks.

134. An act incorporating the Staunton savings bank.

Incorporates a savings bank, with the usual provisions.

Amount of capital not mentioned.

135. An act to incorporate the Central savings bank of the city of Richmond.

Same remark as to Staunton savings bank.

136. An act to incorporate the Commonwealths savings bank of Richmond.

Subject to usual provisions.

137. An act to incorporate the Manchester savings bank in the town of Manchester.

Capital not to exceed \$100,000, and subject to the usual provisions.

138. An act incorporating the Berkeley springs savings bank in the town of Bath in the county of Morgan.

Usual provisions as to savings banks.

139. An act to incorporate the Home savings bank of the city of Richmond.

Capital not more than \$100,000.

Charter subject to repeal, &c.

140. An act to incorporate the Merchants savings bank of Richmond.

Usual provisions.

141. An act to incorporate the Tobacco savings bank of the city of Richmond.

Capital not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$100,000.

Subject to usual provisions.

142. An act to incorporate the Monongahela savings bank in the county of Monongalia.

Capital stock divided into shares of twenty dollars each.

Capital stock to be fixed by stockholders. Directors not to be less than five. Every share to give one vote.

143. An act to amend an act entitled an act incorporating the Princess Anne savings bank, passed February 27, 1860.

Made subject to general provisions.

Capital stock not to exceed \$100,000.

Schools and colleges.

144. An act incorporating the Independence male and female college in the county of Grayson.

Incorporates a male and female college at Independence.

Authorizes the trustees to hold real and personal estate.

College to be under the control of a board of directors.

Trustees authorized to raise sum not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000.

Stock to be deemed personal property.

145. An act to incorporate the Montgomery female institute.

College incorporated by above name.

Trustees power to hold real and personal estate, contract loans, &c. not exceeding \$10,000, and to be redeemable in thirty-four years.

Trustees to elect president and other instructors, appoint a board of visitors, a treasurer, &c.

Trustees to appoint such other officers as may be deemed requisite, sell scholarships, &c.

146. An act incorporating the Patrick springs female college.

Property not to exceed \$100,000.

College to be under control of trustees, subject to revision of the stockholders.

Trustees to appoint professors and officers. Seven of the trustees to constitute a quorum.

Trustees authorized to raise not less than \$3,000 nor more than \$30,000 by joint stock subscription.

Property exempt from taxation.

Board of trustees may, in connection with president and professors, confer diplomas, &c.

147. An act to incorporate the trustees of the Parkersburg classical and scientific institute.

Company incorporated for the purpose of establishing male and female seminaries in Parkersburg.

Property not to exceed \$50,000.

Trustees power to appoint all necessary officers, &c.

148. An act to amend the act incorporating the Lewisburg female institute.

Authorizes books of subscription to be opened to an amount not exceeding \$50,000.

149. An act to amend the act concerning district free schools in the county of Jefferson.

Authorizes the board to appoint one of their number president, and to appoint a clerk, who is to be treasurer, and required to give bond, &c.

150. An act to re-enact the act passed 9th February 1844, authorizing a loan from the Literary fund to the trustees of the West Liberty academy.

Authorizes the loan of \$5,000. The security to be a lien upon the property of the college, and the Board of the literary fund authorized to demand, if deemed necessary, additional security.

Benevolent institutions.

151. An act amending and re-enacting the act entitled an act to incorporate the Jackson orphan asylum of Norfolk, passed February 26th, 1856.

Orphan asylum to be under the control of a president and seven managers.

Company power to hold real estate, not exceeding two

acres in the city, nor more than twenty-five acres in the county.

Board of managers power to bind out orphan children, &c.

152. An act to incorporate the Hebrew benevolent society of Alexandria.

Property not to exceed \$10,000 in value. The members of said association to make all needful by-laws, &c.

153. An act to incorporate St. Paul's church home.

Establishes an orphan asylum under the above name.

May hold property not exceeding \$200,000.

154. An act incorporating the Southern institution for the amelioration of the condition of the deaf, dumb and blind negroes of the commonwealth.

Said company to do no act inconsistent with the laws of the state.

Arming militia.

155. An act to provide for taking the sense of the people of Henrico upon giving authority to the county court to raise by loan \$2,500 for arming the militia.

The court has, it is believed, already acted under authority of this act.

Uniforming volunteers.

156. An act to authorize the county court of Fluvanna county to appropriate certain funds to the uniforming and equipping volunteer companies in said county.

Authorizes the county court to appropriate such portion of the funds raised under the general law in relation to arming the militia of the counties, to the purposes indicated in the title to the act.

157. An act to authorize the county court of Lunenburg to appropriate certain money to uniform and equip volunteer companies.

Same provisions with preceding act.

Volunteer battalions and companies.

158. An act to authorize the formation of a volunteer battalion of two companies in the towns of Scottsville and Howardsville in the county of Albemarle.

Scottsville guard and Howardsville light infantry blues authorized to form a battalion.

159. An act to organize a volunteer battalion in the city of Alexandria.

Authorizes a battalion to be formed of four companies—three of light infantry and one of artillery.

Officers of battalion to attend trainings and battalion regimental musters of 175th regiment.

160. An act organizing a volunteer company of cavalry in Albemarle county.

Authorizes company under command of Capt. James W. Timberlake, to consist of not less than forty nor more than one hundred, rank and file.

161. An act to incorporate the Berkeley border guard armory company.

Incorporates a company for the purpose of building an armory for the Berkeley border guard.

162. An act to organize the Metropolitan guard of Richmond.

Company to constitute an independent military organization. No one under the age of 45 shall be a member, and no charge is to be created on the treasury.

163. An act to amend the 1st section of an act entitled an act for the encouragement of certain volunteer companies in the city of Wheeling, passed March 27th, 1858.

Authorizes companies in Wheeling to enroll fifty contributing members each.

164. An act to authorize an issue of arms to Titus V. Williams of the county of Tazewell, for the use of an academy.

Arms to be issued sufficient for fifty men, such as are not fit for actual service, upon recipients giving bond in the mode prescribed by law.

Voluntary enslavement.

165. An act providing for the voluntary enslavement of George, Shed, Sam and Sukey, persons of color in the county of Buckingham.

166. An act to provide for the voluntary enslavement of Thomas Garland and Mary Anderson, persons of color in the county of Hanover.

167. An act for the voluntary enslavement of Jane Payne, Mary Fletcher and Glivers.

These acts contain substantially the same provisions. Direct that the application shall be made to the circuit court, which shall cause to be summoned the petitioner and the person designated as master. If the court is satisfied there is no collusion, it shall, upon the terms prescribed, grant the petition. The master to enter into bonds that the negro so enslaving himself shall never be a charge; and if convicted of a crime punishable with death, or transported for crime, the state shall not pay compensation. In case of Thomas Garland and Mary Anderson, it is provided that the state in such case shall only pay as much as it may receive.

168. An act for the voluntary enslavement of Fanny Matthews, without compensation to the state.

In this case power is given to the county court of Page to enslave the negro. The provisions are substantially the same with those just passed over, except that the act is silent as to any future conviction for crime.

Pardons to slaves.

169. An act authorizing the governor to pardon slaves Jack and Ben, and restore them to their former owner.

Authorizes the governor to pardon the slaves above named, condemned by the county court of Caroline, the property of

F. N. Fitzhugh. Bond to be first executed for the removal of said slaves beyond the limits of the commonwealth, and all costs to be paid.

170. An act to authorize the governor of the commonwealth to pardon a negro slave Tom, and restore said slave to his owner. Slave convicted by county court of Amherst. Same provisions as preceding act.

171. An act authorizing the governor to pardon slave Bill, and restore him to his former owner.

Slave convicted by county court of Jefferson, the property of Emory Edwards.

Same provisions substantially as the two preceding acts, except that the bond may be executed in Virginia or Maryland.

172. An act to authorize the governor to pardon a slave John Ricks, and restore him to his former owner.

Slave convicted by the county court of New Kent, the property of Charles W. Gilham.

Same provisions as preceding acts. Bond to be executed before the governor for removal beyond the limits of the state.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Protection of fisheries.

173. An act for the protection of the fisheries on the waters of the Chesapeake bay.

Provides that no person who is not a resident of this state, shall fish with trawl or trot lines.

Penalties for violation set out and declared.

Fish.

174. An act to repeal an act passed 19th March 1860, concerning the catching of fish in certain waters.

Repeals act prohibiting the catching of fish with cod gill or threshing nets, by surrounding them.

Oysters.

175. An act to amend an act passed 31st March 1860, entitled an act to restrict the catching of oysters in certain months.

Prohibits the catching of oysters in the months of July and August, excepting in the waters of Northampton county.

Any person is entitled to catch his own oysters in the months aforesaid.

Trespasses along Potomac, &c.

176. An act to amend the 1st section of an act to prevent trespasses, depredations, &c. along the borders of the Potomac and other tide waters in the counties of Stafford and King George.

Excludes Stafford and King George from the operation of the law.

Church property.

177. An act authorizing the trustees of the Methodist district parsonage in Salem, Roanoke county, to borrow money, and execute a deed of trust to secure the same. Sum not to exceed \$1,000.

178. An act authorizing the trustees of the First Presbyterian church in the city of Portsmouth to execute a deed of trust on said property.

Title explains act.

179. An act to authorize the sale of certain church property in the town of Moorefield.

Authorizes the sale of a place of public worship (no longer used as such), and the proceeds applied to the benefit of the poor, or for purposes of education.

Lawful fences.

180. An act constituting a part of the Ohio river a lawful fence.

From lower end of David Long's farm to the mouth of Mill creek.

Unlawful assemblage of negroes.

181. An act authorizing the common council of the city of Petersburg to declare what in said city shall be an unlawful assemblage of negroes, and to prescribe the punishment therefor.

Title explains act.

County inspection of leather.

182. An act to establish an inspection of leather for the county of Hampshire.

County court, at its May term, to appoint inspector of leather.

Inspector to provide himself with scales, weights and stamps. Leather to be stamped, according to quality, "best," "good," "bad," "damaged."

Inspector's fees to be paid by the person employing him, but no charge upon the treasury.

Counterfeiting brands, &c. punished by fine and imprisonment.

Juries on coroners' inquests.

183. An act to compensate juries serving on coroners' inquests in the counties of New Kent, Charles City, James City, York, Warwick and Elizabeth City, and also the cities of Williamsburg and Norfolk.

Provides for \$1 each in the counties, and 50 cents in the cities; to be paid out of the treasury of the county or corporation.

Conveyance.

184. An act to authorize the circuit court of Preston county to legalize the conveyance of a tract of land made by Andrew Oliphant, as guardian or committee of William Smith, an idiot.

Title explains the act.

Mills.

185. An act to authorize Joseph Gusman to rebuild his mill.

Mill on west fork of Monongahela river in Harrison county.

Wharves.

186. An act to authorize Thomas Chancellor to erect a wharf on his lands.

Authorized to erect a wharf on the Little Kanawha river.

Certain aliens to ho'd lands.

187. An act authorizing Henry Potter Brent, William Berry, and other subjects of Great Britain, to hold certain lands lying in this commonweath.

Land not to exceed 100,000 acres in all, lying in Putnam, Jackson, Mason and Kanawha counties.

INCORPORATED COMPANIES.

American agency.

188. An act to incorporate the American agency.

Incorporates a company under the above title, the object of which, as set forth in the bill, is for the purchase and sale of rail road bonds and other public and private securities, and deal in exchanges, endorse and guarantee the payment of notes, bonds, &c.

When \$300,000 are subscribed, the subscribers may organize the company, by the election of five or more directors.

The company shall have an office in Richmond, and may establish branches in Europe.

No right of property to this franchise shall invest until the minimum amount of capital is subscribed, and \$60,000 actually paid in.

Express company.

189. An act to incorporate the Southern express company. Capital stock, \$500,000.

Company may commence business when \$50,000 have been actually paid up.

Directors to consist of not less than five nor more than nine—one to be president.

Company are authorized to do an express transportation business, by land or by water, from and to any place in Virginia or out of Virginia.

It is believed that this company has already gone into operation; and a further notice of it is unnecessary.

Mineral springs.

190. An act to incorporate the Sweet chalybeate springs company.

Incorporates any person who may purchase the Red sweet springs in Alleghany county, by the above name.

Company authorized to hold lands not exceeding three thousand acres; to erect mills and manufactories; to deal in mineral waters, and to manufacture glass, &c.; to provide for the accommodation of visitors, &c.

Capital not to exceed the sum of \$300,000.

191. An act to incorporate the Rockbridge white sulphur springs company.

Minimum capital to be \$20,000, with power to increase it to \$50,000. Company may hold not exceeding 500 acres of land; which they may improve; provide for visitors, and exact compensation, erect manufactories, &c.

192. An act to incorporate the Capper springs company.

Company empowered to hold lands not exceeding 4,000 acres, and other property not exceeding \$50,000. May engage in mining, milling and manufacturing. Capital not less than \$10,000 nor more than \$50,000.

Arms and ordnance.

193. An act to incorporate the Virginia arms manufacturing company.

Incorporates a company for manufacturing and selling arms and implements of war, near Richmond.

Capital not less than \$50,000 nor more than \$500,000.

194. An act to incorporate the Lynchburg arms and engine manufacturing company.

Incorporates a company, to be located at Lynchburg, for the purpose of manufacturing arms, engines, locomotives, &c.

Capital not less than \$50,000 nor more than \$500,000.

195. An act to incorporate the Staunton arms and ordnance company.

Incorporates a company at Staunton, for the purpose of manufacturing arms and ordnance, with power to hold lands not exceeding five hundred acres.

Capital stock not less than \$50,000 nor more than \$300,000.

Steam boat companies.

196. An act to incorporate the Baltimore and Fredericksburg steam boat company.

Incorporates a company for the purpose of carrying freight and passengers between Baltimore and Fredericksburg, and intermediate points.

Capital stock not less than \$20,000 nor more than \$100,000.

Company to be managed by five directors, three of whom may constitute a quorum.

Lumber companies.

197. An act to incorporate the Virginia lumber company in the counties of Augusta and Rockbridge.

Company incorporated for the purpose of procuring lumber, with power to hold not exceeding twenty thousand acres of land in Rockbridge and Augusta.

Stock to be deemed personal estate. Capital not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$20,000.

Packet companies.

198. An act to incorporate the Richmond and Liverpool packet company.

Incorporates a company for the purpose of owning, navigating and freighting ships, &c. trading from the city of Richmond.

Capital not less than \$50,000 nor more than \$500,000.

Affairs of company to be managed by an executive committee.

Land companies.

199. An act incorporating the Piedmont land and improvement company.

Objects of the company, as expressed in the act, shall be the encouragement of manufacturing establishments and the improvement of land in the counties of Campbell and Bedford.

Power to acquire water privileges. May construct rail roads, upon condition, &c.

The capital stock shall not be less than \$10,000 nor more than \$500,000.

Company may elect president and board of directors, &c.

Agricultural societies.

200. An act to incorporate the Jackson county agricultural society.

Incorporates a company, with a capital not exceeding \$25,000.

Company power to hold or lease lands not exceeding one hundred acres. May provide for the election of president and directors, &c.

201. An act to incorporate the Industrial society of Wood county.

Provisions very similar to those of the Jackson county agricultural society.

Manufacturing companies.

202. An act to incorporate the Virginia boot and shoe manufacturing company.

Incorporates a company for the manufacture of boots and

shoes. Capital not to exceed \$500,000. Company to be organized when \$25,000 are subscribed. All the capital stock may be paid in lands, buildings, materials, patent rights, licenses, or other property necessary or proper for the business of the company.

The company, before organizing, to make known their place of business in the commonwealth.

203. An act to incorporate the James river boot, shoe and leather manufacturing company.

Capital stock not less than \$20,000 nor more than \$100,000.

The company have power to establish tan-yards, shops, store houses, &c. May hold lands in Chesterfield and Henrico, not exceeding seventy acres, and in the city of Richmond, not exceeding one acre, and one acre in Manchester.

204. An act to incorporate the Amherst and Nelson woolen manufacturing company.

Company incorporated for the purpose of manufacturing cotton, wool, iron, &c. at Tye river depot, on the Orange and Alexandria rail road.

Capital not less than \$10,000 nor more than \$50,000.

205. An act to incorporate the Oxford cotton and woolen company.

Company incorporated for the purpose of manufacturing silk, hemp, wool or cotton, at Oxford in the county of Caroline.

Company may hold real estate and water privileges necessary for their business.

Capital stock not less than \$10,000 nor more than \$100,000.

206. An act to incorporate the Rocky point lime and marble manufacturing company in the county of Botetourt.

Incorporates a company for the purpose of manufacturing lime and marble in the county of Botetourt.

Capital not less than \$50,000 nor more than \$100,000.

207. An act to amend the charter of the Virginia car spring company.

Authorizes the company to manufacture and deal in India rubber or metallic springs, &c.

208. An act to incorporate the Chesterfield car, locomotive and agricultural implement manufacturing company.

Capital not less than \$20,000 nor more than \$200,000.

The company to manufacture agricultural implements, furniture, cars, locomotives, &c. &c.

Power to hold real estate in Chesterfield not exceeding twenty acres, and in Richmond, not exceeding one acre.

209. An act to incorporate the Southern manufacturing company.

Authorizes the company to hold real estate in the city of Richmond, town of Manchester, and counties of Henrico and Chesterfield, not exceeding twenty-five acres, as they may deem necessary, for the manufacture of small arms, ordnance, shot, shell, castings, and manufactures composed wholly or in part of iron.

Capital stock not less than \$10,000 nor more than \$500,000.

210. An act to incorporate the Virginia steam sugar refining company.

Company incorporated for the purpose of refining sugars.

Capital not less than \$200,000 nor more than \$350,000.

Company may hold lands not exceeding ten acres.

211. An act for the incorporation of the Kanawha salt company.

Company incorporated for the purpose of manufacturing, buying and selling salt.

Capital not less than \$200,000 nor more than \$1,500,000.

Stock shall consist of salt or coal property, or in part of cash.

Company unrestricted right of holding salt and coal lands in Kanawha and adjacent counties.

212. An act to amend an act passed March 13th, 1856, entitled an act to amend an act passed February 25th, 1856, to amend the charter of the New creek company of Hampshire county.

Authorizes books of subscription to a new company.

Board of directors authorized to increase the par value of their stock.

Mining and manufacturing companies.

213. An act incorporating the Gilmer oil mining and manufacturing company. in the county of Gilmer.

Company incorporated for the purpose of mining and manufacturing oil, coal and other minerals.

Capital stock not less than \$50,000 nor more than \$150,000.

Stockholders may elect a president and nine directors.

The president and directors may appoint officers, borrow money, issue coupon bonds, and secure the same by mortgage.

Company right to hold lands in Gilmer, Wirt and Calhoun, not exceeding at one time 20,000 acres.

May construct rail roads upon certain conditions, &c.

214. An act to incorporate the Hughes' creek oil and coal company.

Capital stock \$250,000, with power to increase it \$750,000 more.

Company power to hold and acquire real estate not exceeding 10,000 acres, in Fayette and Kanawha, and personal property, for the purpose of mining coal, oil, iron, &c.

Power to construct rail roads.

215. An act to incorporate the Little Kanawha mining and manufacturing company.

Incorporates a company for the purpose of mining and cutting timber in Gilmer, Calhoun and Wirt.

Capital not to exceed \$100,000.

216. An act to incorporate the Silver run mining and manufacturing company.

Incorporates a company for the purpose of mining and cutting timber in Ritchie county.

Capital not to exceed \$100,000.

217. An act to incorporate the Coal oil company of Braxton county, Virginia.

Capital stock not less than \$50,000.

Company may hold real estate not exceeding 925 acres. May construct rail roads, upon conditions.

Company incorporated for the purpose of mining and manufacturing minerals and metals.

218. An act to incorporate the Old Dominion mining and manufacturing company.

Company incorporated in the county of Preston, for the purpose of manufacturing coal oil, candles, &c. and mining.

Capital stock not less than \$10,000 nor more than \$300,000.

Stockholders to elect a president and directors.

219. An act to incorporate the Springfield and Deep run coal mining and manufacturing company.

Company incorporated for the purpose of mining for coal, iron and other ores, &c. in the county of Henrico.

Capital stock to be not less than \$100,000 nor more than \$1,000,000.

Company may hold lands not exceeding 3,000 acres.

Company power to clear their lands, build saw mills, boats, &c., make rail roads, upon condition, and connect with other rail roads, with the consent of the same.

220. An act incorporating the Coleraine mining and manufacturing company.

Company may hold lands in Boone and Kanawha, not exceeding 10,000 acres.

May construct rail roads.

Capital stock \$250,000.

President and four directors to manage affairs of the company.

Annual meetings to be held in June.

Company may have an office in New York.

221. An act incorporating the Maryland and Virginia coal oil company in the county of Taylor.

Capital stock not less than \$50,000 nor more than \$1,000,000.

Company may hold lands in Taylor and adjoining counties, not exceeding 4,000 acres at any one time.

May construct rail roads, &c.

Company incorporated for the purpose of manufacturing oil, mining, &c.

222. An act to incorporate the Laurel valley coal and oil company in the county of Mason.

Capital stock not less than \$30,000 nor more than \$500,000.

Company may hold lands not exceeding 4,000 acres.

May construct rail roads upon the usual terms.

223. An act to incorporate the Virginia mineral oil and coal company in the county of Mason.

Capital stock not less than \$200,000 nor more than \$1,000,000.

Company may hold lands in Mason not exceeding 5,000 acres.

Power to build rail roads, upon the usual conditions.

Five years in which to perfect organization.

224. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Mason city mining and manufacturing company in the county of Mason, passed February 22, 1860.

Name of company changed and maximum capital put at \$600,000.

225. An act to incorporate the Ambler oil and coal company.

Capital stock shall be \$250,000, with power to increase it \$750,000 more.

Company power to hold real estate in the county of Kanawha, not exceeding 5,000 acres.

Power to construct rail roads, on the usual conditions.

226. An act to amend the 1st section of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Springfield and Deep run coal mining and manufacturing company, passed 12th February 1861.

Amends the 1st section of act heretofore mentioned, by placing the company under the provisions of all general laws.

227. An act to incorporate the Fayette oil and coal company.

Capital stock \$ 250,000, with power to increase it \$ 500,000 more.

Company power to hold real estate in Fayette and Kanawha, not exceeding 5,000 acres.

Power to construct rail roads, on the usual conditions.

228. An act for the incorporation of the Home mining and manufacturing company.

Company may hold real estate in Boone and Kanawha, not exceeding 6,000 acres.

Capital stock not less than \$ 35,000 nor more than \$ 250,000.

229. An act to incorporate the Marion magnetic iron company.

Capital stock not less than \$10,000 nor more than \$ 200,000.

Company may hold lands not exceeding 20,000 acres.

Power to construct rail roads, on the usual conditions.

230. An act to incorporate the Carroll mining and manufacturing company.

For the purpose of mining copper and other minerals, this company is incorporated.

Company may hold lands not exceeding 20,000 acres.

Capital stock shall not exceed \$ 1,500,000.

Office may be within or without the limits of Virginia.

231. An act to incorporate the Cove creek lead, copper and iron manufacturing company in the county of Tazewell.

Capital stock not less than \$100,000.

Company may hold real estate in Tazewell county, not exceeding 4,000 acres.

232. An act to incorporate the Cabell county petroleum company.

Capital stock not less than \$25,000 nor more than \$100,000.

Company power to hold lands not exceeding 10,000 acres.

Company power to construct rail roads, on the usual conditions.

These acts of incorporation are for the most part, by the terms of their charters, placed under the control of the general assembly, as follows: "Subject to alteration, modification, amendment or repeal, at the pleasure of the general assembly."

Privileges, &c.

233. An act for the relief of Enoch Atkins of Giles county.

Appropriates from the Literary fund \$50 to Enoch Atkins, amount of a forfeited recognizance.

234. An act for the payment of a sum of money to James W. Jones, jailor of Frederick county.

Appropriates from the treasury \$123 05 to said jailor, for the maintenance of a lunatic.

235. An act for the relief of the Rev. J. Packard.

Appropriates from the treasury \$15, amount of tax improperly paid for the year 1858, on salary as professor in the Theological seminary.

236. An act for the relief of Hopkins and Campbell of Rockbridge county.

Appropriates from the treasury \$1,300 to David L. Hopkins and Samuel J. Campbell, being the amount of tax on collateral inheritance erroneously paid into the treasury.

237. An act refunding a license tax to Paul A. Farley of the county of Lunenburg.

Appropriates from the treasury \$96 for license never used.

238. An act refunding to Mathew Warmisley, jr. of the county of Randolph a certain amount of money erroneously paid by him.

Appropriates \$16, amount of taxes erroneously paid.

239. An act for the relief of Nathaniel B. Harvey.

Appropriates \$16 32 cents, amount land tax improperly assessed.

240. An act for the relief of James Scott of Greenbrier county.

Appropriates \$71 04 cents, amount of taxes improperly paid into the treasury.

241. An act for the relief of James J. Spaulding.

Appropriates \$51, amount of license tax paid, and license never used.

242. An act for the relief of Angus M. Wood.

Appropriates \$60 78 cents, being amount of taxes erroneously paid.

243. An act refunding to W. H. Morton, sen. a sum of money paid on erroneous assessment of land.

Appropriates \$40 01 cent.

244. An act for the relief of E. N. Eubank, commissioner of the revenue for the city of Lynchburg.

Appropriates \$412 48 cents, amount of compensation withheld.

245. An act for the relief of George W. Tucker of Halifax county.

Appropriates \$60 37 cents, amount of taxes erroneously paid into the treasury.

246. An act for the relief of Edward Johnson of the county of Giles.

Appropriates \$30 51 cents, amount of land tax erroneously paid.

247. An act to release John W. Murrell from the payment of a judgment rendered by the circuit court of Lynchburg against him.

Releases a fine of \$2,500, less the costs incurred by the commonwealth in said court and court of appeals.

248. An act for the relief of Joseph W. Harper.

Authorizes the auditor to pay to Joseph W. Harper amount of license tax, \$61, if paid into the treasury, and directs sheriff of Brunswick to refund it to him, if not paid into the treasury but collected.

249. An act directing the payment of certain interest to Emmet J. O'Brien.

Directs the second auditor to pay out of the Internal improvement fund \$155 21, amount of interest due him.

250. An act refunding to Lynn & Compton a license tax improperly collected of them.

Appropriates the sum of \$40, amount of tax improperly paid, provided the same has been paid into the treasury.

251. An act for the relief of Benjamin S. Reynolds of Harrison county.

Appropriates \$17 45, amount of tax improperly paid.

252. An act refunding to Mrs. Lucy Holland a sum of money paid on erroneous assessment.

Appropriates \$33 07.

253. An act for the relief of Charles A. Hoge and James Musgrave.

Authorizes a reassessment of lands in the county of Wetzel.

254. An act to refund to James S. Connell and Daniel Polsley a sum of money improperly paid by them into the treasury as tax on land in Roane county.

Appropriates \$290 40.

255. An act allowing compensation to Parsha A. Fowlkes and Jos. C. Fowlkes for the arrest of three convicts escaped from the jail of Lunenburg county.

Appropriates \$100 for the arrest of Dick, John and Collin, slaves condemned to be hung.

256. An act authorizing the circuit court of Amelia county to make allowance to certain children of William H. Wilson, a lunatic.

Circuit court, on petition of the adult children of the lunatic, authorized to make them or either of them a reasonable allowance out of his estate.

Notice to be given to the committee of the lunatic.

Wife and minor children not to be affected thereby.

Act not to interpret the 45th section of chapter 85 of the Code.

257. An act authorizing the payment to Scott & Adams of a sum of money for work done on the Southwestern turnpike.

Appropriates, on the warrant of the second auditor, out of the Internal improvement fund, \$3,967 58, with interest from the 1st of January 1856—judgment having been recovered against the Board of public works.

258. An act for the relief of Robert Y. Overby of the county of Mecklenburg, on account of taxes improperly paid.

Appropriates \$75 58 for taxes paid erroneously in the county of Mecklenburg.

259. An act for the relief of John W. G. Smith of Rockingham county.

Appropriates \$29 40, erroneous tax.

260. An act for the relief of Patrick H. Scott of Halifax county.

Appropriates \$9, an erroneous tax on a ferry.

261. An act for the relief of Thomas Javins of Fairfax county.

Appropriates from the Literary fund \$340, with legal interest from the 1st June 1854, and \$15-11 costs of suit, for

a lot of land sold by the commonwealth as escheated to said Javins, and afterwards recovered of him.

262. An act for the relief of Benjamin and Isaac Deford of Morgan county.

Appropriates \$33 60, erroneous tax on a lot in Bath in Morgan county.

County court authorized to correct assessment.

263. An act authorizing the payment of the amount of a lost coupon to James C. McGuire & Co.

Authorizes the second auditor to issue his warrant for \$30. amount of lost coupon, upon receiving satisfactory security.

264. An act to provide for the payment to the Richmond branch of the Exchange Bank of lost coupons for interest on the bonds of the state of Virginia.

Authorizes the second auditor, upon satisfactory proof of the loss of the coupons, to issue his warrant on the treasury for \$1,020, the amount of said lost coupons. Satisfactory security to be given.

265. An act authorizing the payment to William G. Jackson of certain coupons.

Authorizes the second auditor, upon satisfactory proof of their loss, to pay to William G. Jackson, or his representative, the sum of \$390, the amount of the lost coupons, requiring satisfactory security.

266. An act releasing to the personal representative of A. C. Layne the rent due under his lease for a portion of the public armory.

Relinquishes all right to rent from 1st of January 1860.

267. An act authorizing the Board of public works to appoint commissioners to estimate and report losses sustained by Wm. W. King in the construction of the 14th section of the Ohio and Maryland turnpike road.

268. An act authorizing the Board of public works to appoint commissioners to estimate and report upon losses

sustained by John Conaway in the construction of the Fairmont and Wheeling turnpike road.

Authorizes the commissioners of the Board of public works to appoint three discreet freeholders to estimate the losses referred to, at the expense of the applicants, and report to the next session of the general assembly.

269. An act to release the title to $556\frac{1}{4}$ acres of land in the county of Hanover to John S. Taliaferro.

Title explains the act.

270. An act releasing the commonwealth's claim to a certain island in the Chesapeake bay to Edmund J. Poulson.

Island known as "Tangier Cod."

271. An act granting the commonwealth's right to real estate of John Kelly deceased, to Owen Shee.

Releases commonwealth's interest to a lot in Wheeling.

272. An act authorizing the sale of real estate belonging to Ebenezer academy.

Trustees of Ebenezer academy authorized to sell their real estate and pay the money to the superintendent of schools.

273. An act to suspend the levying of taxes by the state on the Wheeling and Belmont bridge company for six years.

Suspends collection from 1st of February 1860 for six years.

274. An act releasing the state's claim to a fine imposed on the schooner Virginia for an alleged violation of the inspection laws.

Authorizes the auditor to issue his warrant in favor of W. H. Fowle & Co. for the amount of said fine, which has been paid into the treasury.

275. An act releasing the schooner Pauline from the payment of the commonwealth's claim to any fine imposed for an alleged violation of the inspection laws.

Releases and discharges the fine, but does not authorize the payment of the fine, as it does not appear that it had been paid into the treasury.

276. An act for the relief of Thomas M. Hanly, commissioner of the revenue for the county of Matthews.

Renders valid the qualification and bond of the commissioner, and declares that his office shall not be vacated by reason of his non-compliance with the law.

277. An act refunding to James A. Russell excess of taxes paid by him, and authorizing the county court of Frederick county to correct erroneous assessment.

Refunds the sum of \$87 84 cents.

278. An act for the relief of the personal representative of William S. Croxton deceased.

Refunds \$55 12, erroneously paid into the treasury by decedent in his lifetime.

279. An act for the relief of Thomas Nichols.

Vests in him the commonwealth's right to certain lands sold for taxes under a false entry in the commissioner's books, and directs the land to be properly charged on said books.

280. An act for the relief of Hugh Crolly and Patrick McCune.

Authorizes a suit in the name of said parties against the Board of public works, to be reinstated upon the docket of the circuit court of Henrico, and to be proceeded in upon its merits, and without regard to technicalities.

281. An act for the relief of Charity Casey.

Vests, subject to certain charges, all the estate of Lewis Casey, a free negro, in Charity; which estate had escheated to the commonwealth.

282. An act for the relief of Celia Edmonds.

Authorizes the circuit court of Fauquier, upon bill filed, with proper parties, to correct in favor of Celia Edmonds, an error committed by the court of appeals, in the case of Shearman's adm'r vs. Hicks and others, which said court considered it had no power to correct, though manifest error was apparent on the face of the record, for the reason

that the term had passed at which the decree had been pronounced.

Relief to sheriffs and their securities.

283. An act fixing the mode of settlement with the sheriff of Jefferson.

Fixes the time at which, if payment is made, the auditor is authorized to allow sheriff his commissions.

284. An act for the relief of Thomas W. Scott, sheriff of Dinwiddie county.

Authorizes the auditor to pay said sheriff the premium for punctual payment upon the revenue of the year 1859, for which said premium has not been allowed.

285. An act for the relief of John M. Jones, late sheriff of Pendleton county.

Authorizes the auditor to pay to said Jones \$173 92, on account of commissions withheld.

286. An act for the relief of M. C. Hall, late sheriff of Lewis county, and his securities.

Releases a judgment for \$576 21, rendered in 1858, and authorizes the auditor to adjust and settle another judgment against the same parties, as if it had not been rendered.

287. An act refunding to Moses G. Booth damages paid by him as surety of Samuel S. Turner, late sheriff of Franklin county.

Releases the security from damages, if within sixty days he pays in all that remains unpaid of principal, interest and costs of the judgment.

Sheriff not released.

288. An act for the relief of the securities of James R. Courtney of Westmoreland county.

Said securities not to have the benefit of the act releasing damages, unless within sixty days from the passage of this act they pay into the treasury all that remains of interest, principal and costs.

Sheriff not to be released.

289. An act for the relief of the sureties of Thomas K. Davis, late sheriff of Prince William county.

Same provisions with preceding act, except that the sureties have indulgence until the 1st of December, unless sooner required by the auditor to pay.

Sheriff not released.

290. An act for the relief of the securities of Eugenius Tebbs, late sheriff of the county of Ritchie.

Securities released from damages on paying into the treasury all that remains of the judgment, within sixty days.

Sheriff not released.

291. An act for the relief of the securities of Reese Browning, late sheriff of Logan county.

Securities released from damages, upon paying within ninety days all that remains of the judgment.

292. An act for the relief of the securities of Robert Chambers, sheriff of Boone county.

Releases the securities from damages, on payment within sixty days of all balances.

293. An act refunding to the securities of William H. Blanch, late sheriff of the county of Mecklenburg, certain damages paid by them.

Authorizes the auditor of public accounts to refund damages paid, but not unless within sixty days all that is due from said sheriff is paid.

The sheriff is not released.

294. An act for the relief of the sureties of Joshua H. Staats, deceased, late sheriff of Jackson county.

Auditor, in settlement, directed to deduct the damages.

295. An act authorizing the payment of forfeited commissions and damages to the executor of Charles Holden, deceased, late sheriff of the county of Harrison.

Authorizes auditor to pay amount of forfeited commissions, &c.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. Resolution upon the subject of the coercion of a state.
Pledges the state to resist by all means in her power.

2. Resolution concerning the position of Virginia in the event of a dissolution of the Union.

Declares that in a final dissolution of the Union, every consideration of honor and interest demands that Virginia shall unite her destiny with the states of the south.

3. Resolution inviting the other states to send commissioners to meet commissioners on the part of Virginia, and for the appointment of the same.

The conference has assembled and adjourned.

4. Resolution in regard to the movement of troops and arms within the limits of this commonwealth by the general government.

Authorizes the governor, in a certain contingency, to seize sundry guns manufactured at the Bellona foundry for the government of the United States.

5. Resolution for the correction of a discrepancy between the body and title of an act incorporating the Petersburg savings bank, passed March 16, 1860.

Title explains resolution.

6. Resolution authorizing pay to the commissioners appointed to audit and pay expenses incurred by the invasion at Harpers Ferry, for services rendered by them.

Authorizes the payment of \$ 250 each.

7. Resolution to grant to Angus W. McDonald exclusive right of publishing certain manuscripts obtained by him from England.

Authorizes Angus W. McDonald to publish manuscripts obtained in England.

8. Resolution for the relief of the contractors on the Covington and Ohio rail road.

Authorizes the Board of public works, upon work to be done subsequent to the passage of this resolution, and prior to the 1st day of January 1862, to increase contract price to an amount not exceeding ten per cent.

9. Resolution relative to the sale of muskets.

Directs the attorney general to consider the legality of the contract made with J. R. Anderson & Co. for the sale of muskets, and to report to the general assembly, &c.

10. Resolution in reference to a line of steamers from Norfolk and Paris.

Declares that it behooves the cities and internal improvement companies of Virginia to secure said line.

11. Resolution concerning delinquent taxes for the year 1860.

Authorizes sheriffs to pay in revenue by 1st of April.

12. Resolution authorizing the governor to employ the convicts in the penitentiary in improving its buildings.

Authorizes the governor to cause the inmates of the penitentiary to be employed in improving the penitentiary buildings, by enlargement or otherwise, so far as the same can be done consistently with the manufacturing interest of the institution; and that the governor also be requested to apply the proceeds of the labor of convicts to aid in conducting operations of the penitentiary.

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Of the house of delegates relative to petitions and memorials.

“22. No petition or memorial shall be received, praying for the division of a county or parish, changing the place of holding any court or other local matter, unless the purport of such petition or memorial shall have been fixed up at the courthouse door of the county where such alteration is proposed, at two different courts, and shall have remained there one day during the sitting of each court, and at least one month shall have passed after the holding of the last court, and before the petition or memorial is presented. And no petition or memorial shall be received, or bill brought in for establishing or discontinuing ferries, nor for any other purpose affecting private rights or property, unless the parties interested shall have had one month's notice; and if they be not known to the petitioner or memorialist, the purport of the petition, memorial or bill shall be set up at the courthouse in the manner before directed, and *also* three times inserted in some newspaper in the state most convenient for conveying the intended information, one month before offering or moving the same.”

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